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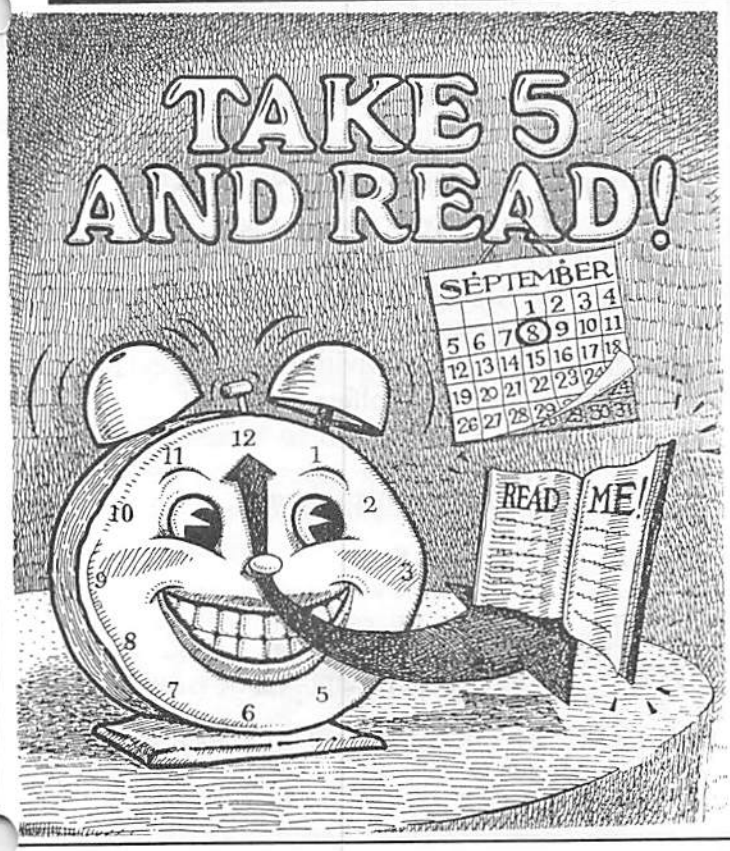
International Literacy Day
September 8, 1993



This year, a special promotion is planned called TAKE 5 AND READ! September 8th is International Literacy Day! At noon, on this special day, stop what you are doing - pick up a book, magazine, and READ! Help make B.C. more literate.

This promotion is sponsored by Canada Post; BCLA; Library Services Branch; B.C. Literacy Public Awareness Campaign; Literacy B.C.; Frontier College; Greater Vancouver Library Federation and Pippin Publishing.

Once again, Literacy B.C. will be providing International Literacy Day Kits which will help you promote literacy in your community. The kit will include TAKE 5 and READ posters and bookmarks, ideas for special events and other useful information. Kits will be mailed mid August.

For more information call 687-5077.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1994 SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR ADULT LITERACY PRACTITIONERS (B.C. YUKON & WESTERN PROVINCES)

Literacy B.C. is pleased to announce that we have just received approval of a cost-shared grant for a 1994 Summer Institute to be held ***July 4-15, 1994***. Planning for the Institute will begin in September.

Watch the Newsletter for more details about this exciting event!

VOLUNTEER SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR NORTHERN B.C. COMMUNITIES

Literacy B.C. has received a grant from Multiculturalism & Citizenship Canada, Voluntary Action department, to host a series of three workshops this Fall, in Northern B.C. communities. This project is also sponsored by Project Literacy Houston.

The workshops will be of interest to literacy organizations, social service agencies, interagency associations and other community groups.

Workshop topics will include:

- Recruitment and Use of Volunteers
- Board Development Skills
- Fund Raising, Proposal Writing
- Public Awareness

The workshops are designed to build skills and resources in the voluntary sector of northern communities; provide professional development training for literacy programs and create a method of networking, sharing resources and building partnerships.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 687-5077.

PLAY A ROUND FOR LITERACY!

Friday, August 27, 1993

UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB

Peter Gzowski has been golfing his way across Canada since 1986 promoting literacy and raising funds for literacy programs.

Mayor Gordon Campbell invites you to play in

VANCOUVER'S THIRD ANNUAL PETER GZOWSKI INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT.

The PGIs are very special events - a poet laureate to help mark the occasion (this year it's John Gray), music, special on-course activities, lots of great prizes - for duffers and serious golfers - and fun!

11:30 a.m.	Registration, Complimentary Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Shotgun Start
7:00 p.m.	Dinner, prizes
COST:	$175 (tax receipt will be issued)

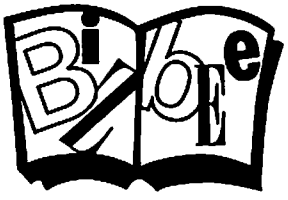
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 687-5077.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VANCOUVER BIZ BEE

Thursday, August 26, 1993
DISCOVERY THEATRE, PLAZA OF NATIONS

The Vancouver



for Literacy BC

If golf's not your game, try the **VANCOUVER BIZ BEE** ... field a team in VANCOUVER'S FIRST CORPORATE SPELLING BEE hosted by Peter Gzowski, or come and enjoy the fun!

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Complimentary hor d'oeuvres & drink
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.	THE BIZ BEE
9:30 - 10:30 p.m.	Coffee and dessert

COST: $300 per team (tax receipts issued)
$75 Audience tickets (tax receipts issued)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 687-5077.

Both the PGI GOLF TOURNAMENT and the VANCOUVER BIZ BEE events support the important work of Literacy B.C.

The list of BIZ BEE teams competing includes:

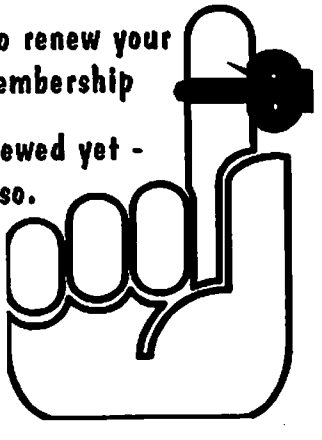
BCTV
BC TEL
B.C. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTED BY:
TOM PERRY, ANITA HAGEN & JOY MCPHAIL
CALDWELL PARTNERS
CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION
CBC RADIO
CLEARLY CANADIAN
DUTHIE BOOKS
FARRIS & COMPANY
FRASER VALLEY PRODUCE
HOMESTAKE CANADA
MENSA VANCOUVER
NORTH SHORE NEWS
O.P. PUBLISHING
THE PROVINCE
SEABOARD LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
SWINTON & COMPANY
THE VANCOUVER CANUCKS
THE VANCOUVER SUN

AND MORE.....

There is still time to renew your Literacy B.C. Membership

If you haven't renewed yet - please do so.

Your support is important and appreciated!



UPCOMING EVENTS

THE LITERACY B.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

Friday & Saturday, October 22 & 23, 1993

CHATEAU GRANVILLE HOTEL
1100 Granville Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Friday, October 22 **9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**
A pre Conference meeting for coordinators of literacy programs using volunteers.

Friday, October 22 **7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**
Will feature a Special Event and Reception

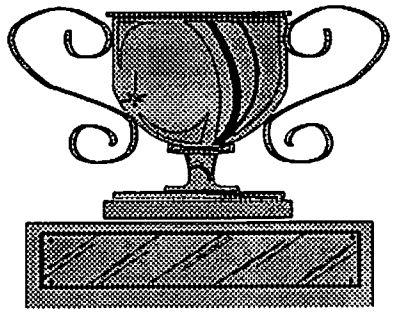
Saturday, October 23 **8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**
Workshops and forums are planned on:

- Action Research
- A "bring and share" potpourri
- Forum for Learners
- Workplace Literacy Training
- Family Literacy
- Plain Language

... and more ...

SPACE IS LIMITED - REGISTER NOW!
(Watch the September Newsletter for more details)

The next Literacy B.C. Newsletter will bring you lots of interesting news from Literacy organizations and programs across B.C.



CONGRATULATIONS!

To THOMAS QUIGLEY, one of the founding members of Literacy B.C. and a leader in literacy in B.C. for winning the ***Canada Post Literacy Award***. Thomas shares this Award with Nicole Grondines-Ducharme of Montreal.

Other FLIGHT FOR FREEDOM AWARD WINNERS were:

Governor General's Flight For Freedom Award: Frontier College of Toronto, Ontario, in recognition of its long-term achievement in the field of literacy.

Corporate Canada Literacy Award: Nabisco Brands of Toronto, Ontario, in recognition of its literacy skill upgrading programs in the workplace. Award sponsored by the Financial Post

Individual Achievement Award: Elijah Allen, of Inuvik, NWT and Gisele Demer-Crytes, of St-Philippe d'Argenteuil, Quebec. Both participated in literacy programs and succeeded in improving their literacy skills.

Trophies will be presented to the winners at the Governor General's residence in Ottawa this fall.

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1993 PROVINCIAL LEARNERS CONFERENCE

"STEPPING OUT TOGETHER - BUILDING A CIRCLE OF CARING"

The Conference, held June 15-18th, was a huge success!

Over 100 adult learners from across the province came to the Conference. There were workshops, lots of laughter and sharing, a special Talent Night, swimming, volleyball, hiking and so much more. As one of the learners who attended the Conference wrote:

> *"I will cherish the memory of this Conference ever close to my heart. I now have a new circle of friends who taught me so much. This Conference became a learning, sharing experience. Dreams were made by one and all, to keep in touch and to reach out to other learners."*

A final report from the Conference with lots of pictures, is being prepared. It will be ready in September and will be mailed to everyone who came to the Conference. Some additional copies will be available from Literacy B.C.

This Conference was made possible by a cost-shared grant from the Ministry of Multiculturalism & Citizenship Canada, the National Literacy Secretariat and the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology.

We would also like to thank the following organizations for their special help and support:

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... and special thanks to all the people who were speakers, and the many, many people who helped to make this Conference possible.

ELECTION RESULTS
Literacy B.C. Board of Directors 1993-94

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
For a two year term...

CAROL JOHNSON, New Caledonia
BOB GADSBY, East Kootenay
JANET HARRIS, Northwest
SUE PORT, Selkirk
CHERYL MORRIS, North Island
AUDREY THOMAS, Camosun
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MEMBERS AT LARGE
For a two year term....

LYNN FLOREY, Northwest
MARGARET GANZEVELD, Fraser Valley
PHIL KNIGHT, Vancouver
HONG NGO, Kwantlen
JOYCE UPEX, New Caledonia

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

The Board of Directors for 1993-94 will be all of these people, plus the following people who have a one year term left to serve:

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

PATRICIA ABE, Cariboo
ERNA BARWICH, Fraser Valley
DOROTHY FAST, Northern Lights
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MEMBERS AT LARGE

VICKI BRAGAN, Northwest
BILL LAVORCHICK, East Kootenay
JIM LIPPERT, Vancouver
MAUREEN STEPHENS, Okanagan

Thank you to everyone who helped to elect this great group of people!

SUPERIOR PROPANE LEARNER AWARD

As part of their support for PGI Golf Tournaments, **Superior Propane** is providing a $250 **LEARNER AWARD**. Literacy B.C. is wanting applications for this award, which will be presented at the Literacy B.C. Annual General Meeting, on October 23rd, 1993. The criteria for the learner award are:

1. The student is an adult.
2. The student needs to be planning to continue in a program.
3. The student needs to have attended some type of program, for at least 6 months, and preferably 1 year.
4. The student's attendance should be excellent.
5. The student must have a recommendation from a teacher or a tutor.
6. The student should have shown substantial progress and/or exceptional progress.
7. The student must fill out an application, but their teacher or tutor can help them do it.

The winner will be chosen by a committee of adult learners.

For more information and to request application forms, call Literacy B.C. at 687-5077 or Fax 687-5076.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:
SEPTEMBER 30, 1993

IN APPRECIATION

THANK YOU, THANK YOU ...

To SUPERIOR PROPANE INC for the very successful *"SUPERIOR FILL FOR LITERACY CAMPAIGN"* held the week of May 15-18. From this campaign SUPERIOR PROPANE has donated $56,000 to local literacy initiatives across Canada.

In B.C. a total of $3,200 was donated to 10 local literacy groups. Thank you to everyone who supported this campaign.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ...

ROTARY WOMEN'S AUXILIARY for donating an additional $1,000. to help publish our Newsletter. This support is so important ... and appreciated!

AND THANK YOU, THANK YOU TO ..

Everyone who sent a donation along with their membership. It is a wonderful feeling to find out that so many of you want to give that extra support!

SOME VERY IMPORTANT STUFF

As part of the federal government's reorganization, the NATIONAL LITERACY SECRETARIAT has been moved to the new portfolio of HUMAN RESOURCES and LABOUR. This new department includes programs and services for social welfare and development, income security, labour market adjustment and education support.

The NATIONAL LITERACY SECRETARIAT is part of a new SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT and EDUCATION branch of HUMAN RESOURCES AND LABOUR. The Honourable Bernard Valcourt is the Minister responsible for this new portfolio.

NLS has assured us that all these changes will not disrupt our relationship with the NLS staff we now work with. The NLS address and telephone numbers have not changed.

A very special Thank You to GERRY WEINER for his strong support of literacy, as Minister of Multiculturalism and Citizenship Canada.

NEWS FROM THE MOVEMENT FOR CANADIAN LITERACY

- Nancy Jennings, who was the interim **Executive Director** of MCL has agreed to take this position on a permanent basis. ***Congratulations, Nancy!***
- MCL has moved to a new office

  458 MacLaren Street, 2nd Floor
  Ottawa, Ontario K1R 5K6
  Phone 613-563-2464
  Fax 613-563-2504

- The MCL LITERACY ISSUES SURVEY was sent to over 5,000 people. The results will be ready by the end of August. **If you have not sent in your survey ... there is still time. DO IT TODAY!**
- NOVEMBER 5-7, 1993 will be the FIRST ANNUAL MCL CONFERENCE to be held at DAWSON COLLEGE, MONTREAL. This Conference will be co-hosted with LITERACY PARTNERS of QUEBEC.

For more information, call MCL at (613) 563-2464.

BULLETIN BOARD

P.A.C.E. BURSARY AWARDS

The Pacific Association for Continuing Education (PACE) invites applications for Bursary Funds.

The Fund has been established to assist part-time or short-term adult students, demonstrating financial need, to achieve continuing education goals. Amounts awarded shall vary between $100 and $500 for any one course of study.

Applications with proof of registration, must be forwarded by September 30 to:

PACE Bursary Committee
c/o Yvonne Mostert
Douglas College
P.O. Box 2503
New Westminster, B.C.
V3L 5B2

TAKE ACTION FOR EDUCATION

Pacific Coast Public Television is pleased to announce the launch of a one-year outreach project entitled TAKE ACTION FOR EDUCATION. Workshops, forums and publications will assist parents, students and teachers to explore ways to promote reading, media literacy and life-long learning, as well as to build partnerships between educators and families.

Lead sponsorship of the TAKE ACTION FOR EDUCATION project has been provided by the Vancouver Foundation, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Additional sponsors include VanCity Savings Credit Union and the McLean Foundation.

For further information on how your family, school, business or community group might become involved with TAKE ACTION FOR EDUCATION, please call Charlene McAllister at 685-7375 or Fax 688-2419.

MARY WADDINGTON, Co-ordinator of Literacy and ABE Programs for Ministry of Advanced Education Training and Technology has had her contract for this position extended until DECEMBER 1995.

Charley's Cartoons is a collection of unique cartoons created and published by one of the dedicated tutors at Project Literacy Kelowna, Charlie Adam. This book is available for $5.00 a copy. Charlie has dedicated all proceeds to Project Literacy Kelowna Society.

To order, please contact: PROJECT LITERACY KELOWNA SOCIETY, #14 - 1304 Ellis Street, Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 1Z8 (604) 762-2163

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WHO WE ARE

Literacy B.C., founded in March 1990, is a coalition of people and groups concerned with promoting literacy in B.C.

Our mission is to promote literacy, to support literacy learners, to develop community partnerships and to present a united voice on literacy. We are supported by Multiculturalism and Citizenship Canada, National Literacy Secretariat, memberships and donations.

Literacy B.C. welcomes your news and comments. Send to:

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We reserve the right to edit all submissions.

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